

RAT CITY CHAPTER A.B.A.T.E.

A BROTHERHOOD AGAINST TOTALITARIAN ENACTMENTS

CHAPTER BYLAWS AS PROPOSED JANUARY 27, 2009

ARTICLE I - GENERAL

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of these Bylaws is to define the activities and duties of the officers, appointees and members of Rat City Chapter, ABATE of Washington.

SECTION 2: AUTHORITY

Rat City Chapter Bylaws shall be consistent with all provisions of the ABATE of Washington Bylaws as amended, and shall not be in conflict with the State standing policies.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERS

The Rat City Chapter member shall be any person eighteen (18) years of age or older who has applied for membership, believes in the cause of ABATE and Freedom of the Road, and has paid his/her dues current. All members of Rat City Chapter of ABATE are expected to support the action decided on by a majority vote received on a motion at a regular or special business meeting. All current and prospective members are encouraged to be familiar with the rules and regulations of ABATE of Washington. Copies of the Rat City Bylaws and Policies are available upon request.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

SECTION 1: TITLES

The following Rat City Chapter officers will be elected in accordance with current State Bylaws: Coordinator, Deputy Coordinator, Secretary and Treasurer. These four (4) officers will constitute the Rat City Chapter Executive Committee.

SECTION 2: TERM OF OFFICE

All officers will serve for a period of one (1) year or until resignation, removal or death.

SECTION 3: ELECTIONS

Nominations for the Officers will be held at a regular business meeting prior to the September business meeting. Officers will be elected annually at the September business meeting by a majority of the Rat City Chapter members present. They will assume the duties of their offices at the October business meeting. Outgoing and incoming officers will coordinate to whatever extent is necessary to prepare the new officers to fully assume their duties effective with the October business meeting.

SECTION 4: DUTIES OF OFFICE

A) CHAPTER COORDINATOR

The Rat City Chapter Coordinator shall be the head of the Chapter's Executive Committee and will serve in the capacity of Chapter President and shall preside over Chapter meetings, activities, runs and events sanctioned by ABATE. He/she will be responsible to the State Coordinator and the State Board of Directors in accordance with current State Bylaws. The Chapter Coordinator will have the privilege to appoint other positions of assistance as deemed necessary. The Chapter Coordinator will be the official voice and spokesman of the Rat City Chapter of ABATE but may exercise the right of delegation when deemed appropriate. It shall be a prerequisite that the person elected be a member of the Rat City Chapter for at least six (6) months. The Coordinator will not vote during general business meetings except to make or break a tie. He/She shall be an ex-officio member of all chapter committees.

B) CHAPTER DEPUTY COORDINATOR

The Rat City Chapter Deputy Coordinator shall serve in the capacity of Vice-President, assisting the Chapter Coordinator when necessary. In the event of the Coordinator's absence the Deputy will act with the same authority and perform the same duties as the Chapter Coordinator. He/She shall be an ex-officio member of all chapter committees.

C) CHAPTER SECRETARY

The Rat City Chapter Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings and will promptly transmit such to the State Secretary. The Chapter Secretary will advise the State Secretary of the regular meeting place and time, and will record and transmit any necessary Chapter correspondence.

D) CHAPTER TREASURER

The Rat City Chapter Treasurer shall maintain accurate records, maintain a complete account of all incomes and disbursements of funds and report at each Chapter business meeting on the financial condition of the Chapter. The Chapter Treasurer will forward all required funds to the State Treasurer or as otherwise directed. Funds disbursed by the Treasurer will be for such items as voted on by the majority of the members in attendance at any business meeting. No loans will be made to individuals for personal reasons or objectives. The treasurer will submit any reports required by the State Board in a timely manner.

ARTICLE IV - APPOINTMENTS

Appointments for other positions made by the Chapter Coordinator shall be in compliance with the Rat City Policies and Procedures Manual.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

SECTION 1: BUSINESS MEETINGS

Regular Rat City Chapter ABATE business meetings shall be held as scheduled, no less than once a month, and no less than 11 months per year. The Chapter Coordinator (or designee in his/her absence) will call the meeting to order and lead. A quorum of two (2) officers and five (5) additional members

is required for the conduct of business. Only current Rat City Chapter members may make motions, second motions, or cast votes.

SECTION 2: SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Chapter may be called by the Chapter Coordinator when he/she and the Chapter Officers deem necessary. In the event of a special meeting being called, the Chapter Officers will notify the members. A quorum of two (2) officers and five (5) additional members is required for the conduct of business at a special meeting. A minimum of forty-eight (48) hours notice will be given to all members before calling a special meeting.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: METHOD

These Bylaws may be amended by a written motion presented to the Chapter Coordinator at a business meeting. The amendment(s) must be seconded and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. A motion to amend the Bylaws shall not be proposed and voted on in the same meeting. Upon amendment of the Bylaws, they shall be republished and dated.

SECTION 2: ACCEPTANCE

The amendment(s), having been approved by the Chapter, will be forwarded to the State Bylaw Committee for approval.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY CHAPTER ON MARCH 11, 2009

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY ABATE OF WASHINGTON
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON _____, 2009**